



Ezekiel 25 THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND WRATH OF GOD REVEALED

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Joel 3:16 (KJB) The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

The Lion hath Roared

The apostle Paul, in Romans one and two, as well as many other places, teaches a principle that is prevalent, throughout the entire Bible called *cause and effect*. Or In science it is the *principle of causation*. This law states that for every effect, there must be a sufficient cause. For instance:1

Romans 1:15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Paul begins with a cause, the preaching of the Gospel. The effect of this Gospel preaching is the power of God unto salvation to those that truly believe His Words. (The effect and the next cause) The righteousness of God is revealed each time the receiver of this salvation does righteousness from faith to faith (I John 3:7; Matthew 5:6; I Peter 3:12-20). **By preaching the first experience with God only as salvation, we leave aside the power of God and God's righteousness being revealed in our walk!**

This cause-and-effect relationship can also be stated "in reverse", or effect first, then cause. The apostle, next, has a contrast between the previous preaching of the Gospel and acts of unrighteousness:

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Here unrighteous men hold the Truth in unrighteousness (the cause) with the effect of the wrath of God being revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness. Verse 19 states they have no reason for their actions because all that can be known of God is manifest in them (the effect) because God shewed it to them (the cause here and next cause which has **two effects**)

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Verse 20, God, showing the unrighteous (verse 19) has the effect of clear vision of the invisible [all that can be known of God – (even His Godhead)]. God had already provided this cause in His creation. **God creating the heaven and the earth in the beginning is the only sufficient cause of creation in the first place, which is, the effect of His creating.**

Judgments and causes in Amos 2-3		
Judgment (effect)	Cause	Reference
Syrian – Damascus	Threshed Gilead with iron threshing instruments	Amos 1:3-5
Philistine – Gaza	Carried away captives delivering whole captivity to Edom	Amos 1:6-8
Phoenician – Tyre	Carried away captives to Edom, Forgot the brotherly agreement	Amos 1:9-10
Edomite	Pursued his brother in perpetual tearing and anger without pity	Amos 1:11-12
Ammonite – Rabbah	Ripped up the women with child of Gilead	Amos 1:13-15
Moabite	Burnt the bones of the King of Edom into lime	Amos 2:1-3
Judah	Despised God’s Word so erred in walk (cause) Judgment (effect)	Amos 2:4-5
Israel	Did not follow Mosaic Law (cause) (Judgment) (effect)	Amos 2:6-16

This cause-and-effect relationship can also have one cause (underlined below) and many effects:

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Yes, the Lion hath Roared, and what IS THE Lion's method?

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The LORD sends His Word first - If the Word is not heeded, you have the effect:

Genesis 6 – God had preacher Noah preach for over 100 years – Nobody heeded, the Flood came

Genesis 18 – The LORD warned Abraham about Sodom and Gomora's destruction first, so that we or Abraham would not have the wrong concerning God's judgment

John 15 – Jesus told His disciples if they did His commandments He would call them friends, not servant because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but Jesus gives the Word to His friends.

Genesis 41 – Joseph was told of the seven good years before the seven-year drought

I Kings 18 - Elijah was given the Word from God about a famine and in turn gave the Word to the king and queen in Samaria. It went unheeded and the terrible famine came.

Sin is the cause of the LORD's judgment

listen as the Apostle gives us a "cause and effect" commentary:

Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Romans 2:2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Romans 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Romans 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Romans 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Romans 2:9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Romans 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

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Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Romans 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Romans 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 2:17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

Romans 2:18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

Romans 2:19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

Romans 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

Romans 2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

Romans 2:22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Romans 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Romans 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Romans 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Romans 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Romans 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Romans 2:29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

THE HOLY WALK, SANCTIFIED, CLEANSED FROM ALL SIN

1 John 1:3 (KJB) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

6 **If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

7 **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** ([1 Timothy 6:3-5](#)) admonition

Ezekiel 25, today's text, God judging foreign nations

Ezekiel 25:1 (KJB) The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

8 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen;

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 Unto the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the old hatred;

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

([1 Corinthians 10:6-12](#); [Colossians 2:2-9](#))